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Eagles,

I am so excited for us to be back in school tomorrow! With the New Year comes opportunities to connect with classmates and teachers, share experiences from winter break, and make our bright future a reality. To help you as you prepare for tomorrow, I have included some information that may be helpful!

Morning Announcements

Our first day of school for the third grading period begins **TOMORROW!** Being able to begin our mornings together is a highlight for me and I look forward to seeing everyone at 8:00 for announcements!

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New Classes and Schoology

This information is for the few students who are changing homerooms. Our goal is for every student to have an engaging, successful, and smooth first day tomorrow! You should have received communication from your child's new classroom teacher welcoming them!

We have two systems that are updated when a student changes homerooms. Schoology, the teaching and learning platform, pulls information from Infinite Campus, our student records platform. With the close of the quarter, there have been challenges with grades not transitioning to the new homeroom. As a result, we have been working diligently to ensure accurate records while also updating Infinite Campus so every student has proper access to links and assignments in Schoology.

What this means is that there is potential for a delay with Schoology updating to reflect the homeroom change. If this is the case, **do not worry!** Teachers will share their links with students new to their homeroom so everyone can be engaged tomorrow. Please let your teacher know if your child's Schoology is not updated and we will take care of it!

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher. If you do not have their email address, please contact nancy.bain@mnps.org.

Quarter 3 Materials Pick-up & Grade Cards

This coming Tuesday, January 12, we will have Quarter 3 materials and Quarter 2 grade cards available for pick up in our car rider line from 10:00-12:00. I will include specifics and instructions in the Sunday call. I wanted to make you aware so you did not worry about materials these first few days.

Virtual Return Information (Repeat from Sunday)

In an email to MNPS staff and families sent 12/21, Dr. Battle shared that we will begin virtually on January 7th and remain virtual through the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on January 18th. After school begins, Dr. Battle and her team will be monitoring the city's progress through the COVID risk score tracker found [HERE](#). As of 3:00 today, the risk score was 8.7 out of 10. Dr. Battle has shared that we need the risk score to be below 7 to begin a phase in process of students into classrooms.

I will be working diligently to keep our Eakin Family informed of any updates and return plans as information becomes available. As of now, our focus is 100% on starting the semester virtually and meeting the academic and social emotional needs of our students. We were incredibly successful during the October phase-in and when the time comes, we will continue that success for students choosing in-person learning.

Continued Support for Virtual Learning (Repeat from Sunday)

Dr. Battle also shared that outdoor virtual learning help centers will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00-3:00 when schools are in session. Additionally, the district will continue provide breakfast and lunch meals at no cost to all children 18 and under for the remainder of the school year.

MNPS Student Laptops (Repeat from Sunday)

We are continuing our goal of getting an MNPS issued laptop to every student. Students who returned to in-person instruction were issued the updated laptop. Students who have remained virtual the entire school year get an MNPS laptop as well. Many families have received the laptop, but many have not. Alternatively, some families need to swap out the older model laptop they received at the beginning of the year for the new laptops Eakin received from the district after Thanksgiving.

Please use this link to pick a time to get the newest model laptop from school: <http://bit.ly/EakinNewLaptop>

If these times do not work for your families, please email Kelly.Bulbulkaya@mnps.org to schedule a personalized time.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone tomorrow!

Sincerely,



Executive Principal, Eakin Elementary School